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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 6-7, 9-13 and 15-21 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-5 and 7-8 are cancelled.

Claims 7 and 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Miyazaki et al. With regard to claim 7, the rejection of claim 7 is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 7. With regard to claims 9 and 10, claims 9 and 10, as amended, depend from claims 6 and 17-21. Claims 6 and 17-21 are indicated by the Examiner as allowed over the prior art. Thus, claims 9 and 10 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Miyazaki et al. for at least the same reasons as claims 6 and 17-21.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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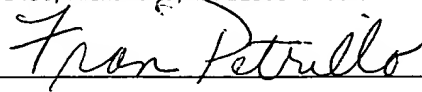
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